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In re Patent Application of:

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Title: **Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other
Molecules Associated with Plants**

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Amendment and Response to Office Action

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 16, 2002 (Paper Number 9),
Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel non-elected claims 2-7 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the
subject matter contained therein.

Please amend the claims as follows:

A1
1. (Amended) A substantially purified nucleic acid molecule that encodes a maize
protein or fragment thereof comprising a nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1.

Please add the following new claims:

A2
8. (New) A substantially purified nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleic acid
sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1.

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